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## A "Colossus" With Clay Feet.

That many democrats regard Theodore Roosevelt as their best asset is generally known. They have a lively sense of the service he rendered their party in 1912, and as lively a hope that in some way he will repeat the favor this year.

The other day, in a very interesting interview published in The Star, Senator Bankhead, an old-fashioned, un-  
standing, plain-spoken man, and for  
long, and now, a leading democrat of  
the south, who thinks for himself and  
says what he thinks, pointed out ac-  
curately and frankly how welcome to him  
would be Mr. Roosevelt's nomination for  
President by the republicans. Such a  
performance would give him great sat-  
isfaction, and fill him with confidence  
as to democratic success in November.

Saturday last, Mr. Lewis, speaking in  
the Senate, showed that he entertains  
the same sentiment. The Illinois sen-  
ator, it is true, expressed himself on  
lines and in the terms of entertaining  
indirection. He praised Mr. Roosevelt  
extravagantly—at the expense of all the  
republican leaders; described him as a  
"Colossus," and all that, but with full  
understanding, of course, that, as the  
republican candidate this year, the  
"Colossus," with his clay feet, would be  
an easy target for his enemies.

The republicans have probably been  
well served by the overzeal of the  
Roosevelt boomers. By bringing their  
favorite out early, and parading him  
noisily, the bull moosers have opened  
up an all-around discussion as to his  
past, his present and his future, and  
what their full program comprehends.  
As a result, the republicans will gather  
at Chicago well advised as to their duty  
to themselves, if they are to make this  
year's campaign under their own colors  
and a leader who honestly represents  
them. It will not be possible for the  
Rooseveltians to spring a surprise there,  
or do any important business in a cor-  
ner.

Had a different course been pursued;  
had a stampede been planned, and the  
plan kept secret; had nothing been said  
but about a forward-looking candidate  
on a forward-looking platform, the re-  
publicans might have been taken some-  
what off their guard, and at least great-  
ly embarrassed in the convention.

## Postage and Patriotism.

Representative McCulloch's bill to  
give free postage to any person writing  
to a member of Congress is justified by  
its author on the ground that it will  
stimulate interest in the government on  
the part of the people. Judging from  
the complaints of national legislators  
regarding the volume of their incoming  
mail there is little reason to think that  
there is any lack of interest in the gov-  
ernment among constituents, so far as  
the writing of letters is concerned. It  
is the constant burden of the lamenta-  
tions of the average member of the  
House or Senate that altogether too  
many people take an epistolary interest  
in the workings of the national ma-  
chinery. And even if there were any  
lack of such interest it may be doubted  
whether the extension of the franking  
privilege would stimulate it. Certainly  
the man who is unwilling to spend 2  
cents in order to express views on how  
the government should be run is poor  
soil for the growth of patriotism.

Earnest efforts are being made to de-  
vise some plan for an army that will  
enable the National Guard to develop  
on an "E Pluribus Unum" system.

Holland is frank in expressing the  
opinion that the time may come when  
neutrality may require some belliger-  
ent spirit to defend its rights.

An alliance with Mexico under pres-  
ent conditions will hardly be tempting  
to the pride which has distinguished  
Japanese statesmanship.

## The "Bombing" of Washington.

Last Saturday night an aviator made  
a demonstration flight over Washington  
to show how easy it would be for an  
enemy aircraft to drop bombs upon the  
capital. It was a spectacular perfor-  
mance, and, so far as it went, highly suc-  
cessful. The aviator arose from within  
the city into a cloudless sky, with the  
moon shining brilliantly, and he was  
practically invisible, save for his fire-  
works flares, from the time he mounted  
up to the return to the earth. The  
powerful searchlights at the War Col-  
lege revealed nothing but the smoke  
halls of his "bombs" bursting in mid-  
air in imitation of the destructive bombs  
of the war planes.

The practical value of the demon-  
stration lies in the emphasis it lays upon  
the fact that this country is today  
unequipped with aircraft, its outfit in  
that respect being so small as to be ne-  
gligible. It has a small anti-aircraft  
gun. It has no system of aerial patrols  
such as the war in Europe has proved  
to be in the last degree essential. Re-  
liance is put in the power of quick or-  
ganization on which the American people

pride themselves. On this point the ex-  
perience of France is to be borne in  
mind for instruction. Had it not been  
for the high development of the French  
aviation service during the decade pre-  
ceding the outbreak of the war that  
country would have been much more  
seriously damaged by the first onset of  
the German armies. Indeed, it is pos-  
sible that without the air scouting force  
that France had ready when the war  
broke the invasion of that country could  
not have been checked at the Marne.

Saturday night's lone aviator brought  
the matter of aerial preparedness sharp-  
ly to national attention. It is impos-  
sible to ignore the fact that in the event  
of an invasion by a foreign enemy fully  
equipped in respect to modern war-  
making materials, the capital of the  
United States would be at the mercy of  
an air fleet if the American provisions  
for defense were no better than they  
are at present. Had the imitation bombs  
dropped in the parks of Washington  
Saturday night been real the city would  
today present a far different appear-  
ance. It is fortunate that the United  
States is given the benefit of the les-  
sons that the war in Europe is teach-  
ing, and it is the fervent hope of the  
American people that they will be  
learned in season.

## The Reported Death of Villa.

If Villa is dead, as reports from Mex-  
ico declare, the situation is greatly sim-  
plified. In that case the task of the  
United States in Mexico is practically  
finished. The withdrawal of our troops  
will follow as a matter of course, pro-  
vided there is no renewal of Villista  
activity that menaces American lives or  
rights. From the outset of this affair  
it has been assumed that the death of  
Villa would check the troubles on the  
border, that he was the mainspring of  
all mischievous action in that quarter  
and that with his elimination would  
come a state of comparative peace.

It is to be borne in mind that the in-  
terests of the Carranzista government  
dictate the early withdrawal of the  
American forces from Mexico, and,  
therefore, reports of Villa's death are  
to be received with reserve, subject to  
confirmation in the most positive man-  
ner before acceptance. At the same  
time it is to the interest of the Villistas  
themselves to create the belief in the  
death of their chief. There is thus a  
double reason for caution in the recep-  
tion of the messages telling of the dis-  
covery of the bandit's body.

Fortunately there is to be an oppor-  
tunity to determine the matter positive-  
ly. By certain marks it is believed to  
be possible positively to identify the  
body now on its way north as that of  
Villa if it is in truth his. If a mistake  
has been made in the identification it  
can be speedily detected upon the ar-  
rival of the body at the border, where  
it can be inspected by many persons  
who are perfectly familiar with Villa's  
appearance and distinguishing marks.

It is a strange situation that turns  
upon the identification of the body  
of one man, possibly involving the issue  
of peace or war. Villa's part in the  
history of Mexico during the past few  
years has been a big one, and his final  
exploit, if he is indeed dead, has been  
perhaps a fitting close of an adventur-  
ous career. His crimes have been legion.  
His dash into the sleeping town of Col-  
umbus, seemingly planned to provoke  
the United States into an act of inter-  
vention, was characteristic. Fortunately  
the situation has been handled with dis-  
cretion, and thus far the conflict with  
Mexico, which has seemed during the  
past four or five years to be imminent,  
has been averted. It is the earnest hope  
of the people of this country that it may  
never occur.

Advocates of preparedness will scarce-  
ly be content to have the question of  
government ownership thrashed out in  
advance of arrangements for an ade-  
quate armor plate supply.

Henry Ford does not take his presi-  
dential boom seriously. But in order  
to run it is not always necessary to be  
taken seriously.

Whether the allies quarrel or not,  
German editors may be depended on  
to suggest reasons which might lead  
them to do so.

The Parral incident seems sufficiently  
flagrant to provide the basis of a puni-  
tive expedition on its own account.

T. R. evidently feels that he can be  
as strong as a reorganizer as he was as  
a party splitter.

Verdun has monopolized the spotlight  
in the theater of war.

## The Fight at Parral.

Details of the fight at Parral are slow  
in coming, but so far as they have been  
received they make a record of serious  
responsibility for the de facto govern-  
ment at Mexico. According to Gen.  
Pershing's reports the American troops  
were invited into the city by an officer  
of the garrison, and while being es-  
corted to a camping place were attacked  
by a mixed mob of civilians and sol-  
diers. When the American troops took  
a defensive position on the outskirts of  
the city about 200 Carranzistas flanked  
them and joined in the pursuit when  
they were forced to retire. The report  
indicates that forty Carranzista sol-  
diers were killed, including one officer.  
The officials at Parral may have been  
in the first place forced off their feet  
by a mob, but it is difficult to under-  
stand how, without some gross official  
negligence, if not connivance, the troops  
in the garrison as an organized body  
joined in the attack on the Americans.

The only explanation possible compati-  
ble with the theory of official friendli-  
ness is that the garrison rose in mutiny.  
If so, no intimation has come as yet  
from the Mexican government, which, it  
would seem, should have been prompt  
to acknowledge a failure to control its

own forces, but which, on the contrary,  
has sought to lay the burden of respon-  
sibility upon the American commander.  
The Parral affair is susceptible of  
later explanation and adjustment. There  
is much to thrash out between the United  
States and Mexico, and so long as the  
fight did not develop into a general con-  
flict it may be rated as one of the in-  
cidents of the American expedition,  
which possibly may soon be brought to  
an end through confirmation of the death  
of Villa.

## The "Imported" Fight Films.

The United States has already moved  
in the matter of the prize-fight films  
photographed across the international  
boundary as an evasion of the law  
which forbids the importation of ma-  
terial of this character into the coun-  
try. It was hardly to have been ex-  
pected that the government would allow  
so obvious a subterfuge to be tried with-  
out protest or resistance. If this method  
of bringing fight films into the United  
States can be successfully worked there  
is nothing to prevent any sort of pho-  
tographic evasion of the importation  
laws. Anything in the nature of a pic-  
ture, susceptible of being reproduced  
by a camera across the infinitesimal  
space marking an artificial international  
boundary, would seem to be imported  
in the true meaning of the law, whether  
the original is brought in physically or  
is held on the other side of the line and  
photographed from this side.

Villa's death leaves no further reason  
for the presence of United States troops  
in Mexico, but they should be permitted  
to stay long enough to identify the re-  
mains.

Yuan is hopeful that the revolution-  
ary movement will soon dwindle suf-  
ficiently to permit its leaders to be classi-  
fied as bandits.

For local political reasons, Carranza  
is tempted, no doubt, to avoid appear-  
ances of friendliness to Americans as  
far as possible.

One effect of censorship is an increased  
appetite for reports of the interesting  
but unconfirmed variety.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

### A Matter of Spelling.

"You have to respect the opinions of  
people who have a strong political bias."  
"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "un-  
less they spell it 'buy us'."

### More Important.

The May queen blossoming scenes will  
scan,  
And realize too soon  
She is far less important than  
The candidate of June.

### A Test.

"How do you find out whether a man  
is a mollycoddle?"  
"Call him one to his face and see  
whether he'll fight."

### Leap Year Observation.

"Leap year doesn't attract the atten-  
tion it used to."  
"No," replied Miss Cayenne; "with all  
our progress, we women haven't man-  
aged to strike the courtship pace of the  
men when it comes to giving away candy,  
flowers and matinee tickets."

### The Admirable Canine.

"That dog has a wonderful pedigree."  
"Yes. You can't help admiring him.  
No matter how much of a pedigree a  
dog has, he doesn't act snobbish  
about it."

### Nonsense.

A little nonsense now and then is re-  
lished by the best;  
A laugh expands the brain—likewise the  
muscles of the chest.  
But nonsense, like a mushroom, should  
be scrutinized with care  
For fear you get a toadstool on your  
mental bill of fare.  
The flippancy which masquerades as  
earnest, helpful thought,  
And leaves us more perplexed, who were  
all eager to be taught,  
Is speedily detected and we swiftly cease  
to prize  
The ostentatious wisdom that is non-  
sense in disguise.

The platitudes that rings with egotistic  
confidence—  
How often has it drowned the tones of  
simple, common sense!  
How often have we thought to find a  
teacher and a guide  
In one whose phrase was only coined in  
mercenary pride!  
Humanity is trustful and we follow for a  
time  
The voice of each pretender who as-  
sumes a role sublime.  
But honest laughter conquers and lays  
bare to scornful eyes  
The ostentatious wisdom that is non-  
sense in disguise.

### Avoid a Strike.

From the Chicago Tribune.  
Railroad managers and employees will  
prove themselves incredibly stupid if  
they do not avoid the threatened gen-  
eral strike. They should heed their  
own advice and stop, look and listen,  
or they may run into the great American  
citizen.

### Smokes Cause Fires.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.  
The frequency of conflagrations caused  
by the careless smoking of burning  
cigar butts gives point to the proverb  
that where there is so much smoke  
there must be some fire.

### Carranza's Delusion.

From the Chicago Herald.  
What is really needed is for Car-  
ranza to withdraw from his little de-  
lusion that he is running a real govern-  
ment and see things just as they are.

### Short on Disavowals.

From the Houston Post.  
Germany is a wonderfully efficient  
nation, but is one of the poorest dis-  
avowers we have seen this season.

### El Paso News.

From the Jacksonville Times-Union.  
El Paso has more varieties of news  
than any other place in America.

### Broke a Record.

From the Newark Eagle.  
Maybe he broke the speed record, not  
his leg, that Villa broke.



## Men's Easter Hats.

The Soft Hat will be the uni-  
versal favorite for Easter Sunday  
wear, and we are prepared to supply  
men with every becoming model and  
block.

Colors are light, medium or dark, some  
with bands and bindings to match, others of  
contrasting colors. The flat brim is the one  
most liked by the young men, and has lots of  
style; roll and curl brims are well represented.  
Our Colonials at \$3.00 and St. Regis at \$2.00  
are made exclusively for us, and are above  
the average hats sold at these prices. Stetson  
Soft Hats and Derbies, \$3.50. Silk Hats, \$6.00.

## Men's Easter Shirts.

Shirt elegance is easily conveyed  
by wearing any of these handsome  
new Easter effects. There are proper  
styles for every occasion, and they  
may be dashing and original or ele-  
gant in their dignity.

For church and afternoon wear with the  
cutaway coat the white plaited bosom shirt is  
correct; plain linen or self-striped madras; \$1.50  
and \$2.00; Handsome Striped Silk Shirts in  
fast colors, \$5.00 each; Silk Madras Shirts, at-  
tractive striped patterns, \$2.50 each. Colored  
Shirts for general wear, of madras, percale  
and mercerized cotton with laundered or soft  
cuffs attached, in striped or figured patterns,  
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Nothing denotes good taste and  
good breeding so well as a correct  
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tidious.

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Easter Tie, made of Handsome Basket-  
weave Silk, of the most attractive colors and  
with open-end shape. The style and the qual-  
ity is exceptionally good, 65c. Handsome Pearl  
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silks, the proper tie for afternoon wear, \$1.00.  
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Fashion's latest word is here in the Easter exhibits of garments for women  
—interpreting the most important features of the modes in ways that are  
charmingly different. There is a vast collection of garments here for your ap-  
proval.

**SUITS**—Tailored Suits, Dress Suits, Afternoon Suits, Street and Sport Suits; a  
suit for every wanted occasion. More attractive, more fascinating, more  
varied now than earlier in the season. Exact copies of the latest Paris fash-  
ion openings disclose original and beautiful conceptions. New Silk Suits,  
New Point Twill Suits, New Callot and Bradley Check Suits, Smart Sport  
Suits and many others—every spring color is here; Mourning Suits and  
Stylish Stout Suits. The prices range from \$18.75 to \$100.

**COATS**—Coats for street, sport, country, touring, autoing, afternoon and semi-  
evening wear, in the finest models and in fabrics of rare beauty and richness.  
Full flaring types, half-belted and the more tailored effects. They are  
smartly cut in the season's most fashionable details and include every cor-  
rect fabric and coloring that women will wear. Priced from \$8.75 to \$95.00.

**DRESSES**—The Georgette Crepe Frocks are leading favorites, and there are  
many combinations also; exquisite tints in these and the new novelties in  
Striped and Plaid Taffetas and the Plain-colored Taffetas. The styles vary  
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Come, Thou Almighty King (Westley)	Trinity Choir	16135	10	.75
Jerusalem the Golden (Ewing)	Trinity Choir			
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The Palm (Faure)	Harry Macdonough	16408	10	.75
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Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (Adagio Fideles)	Trinity Choir	16996	10	.75
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